

**FWP TRACKING SUMMARY  
2019 LEGISLATION**

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The following are bills FWP is tracking that pertain, in most instances, to the FWP resources we are responsible for managing in trust for the citizens of Montana.

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*\* Bills that were Tabled in Committee, Missed Transmittal date, etc.*

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 29	Manzella	Revising bird hunting dog laws. Establishing requirements for bird hunting dog training and field trials. Requiring a permit for field trials on public land. Defining the terms and providing rulemaking authority. Referred to Senate Committee 1/31/19
HB 32	Curdy	Revising laws related to aquatic invasive species programs. Requiring an aquatic invasive species prevention pass for operation of vessels, establishing fees and revising prevention pass fees for anglers. House hearing 2/4/19
HB 34	Keane	Provides a statutory appropriation for good neighbor forestry accounts. House Hearing 1/28/19
HB 38	Curdy	Allow interagency transfer of excess property at below fair market value to another state agency. Referred to Senate Committee 1/31/19
HB 43	Loge	Revise laws related to issuing of free elk hunting license and or permits to landowners who offer free public elk hunting. Senate Hearing 2/7/19
HB 44	Brown	Clarify the use of adverse effects analysis for a change in water right. House Hearing 1/18/19
HB 45	Brown	Clarify criteria for water right permit or change relying on waiver of adverse effect. House Hearing 1/18/19
HB 47	Moore	Revises when an individual who is cited or arrested must be photographed and fingerprinted, also revises when a victim must be notified of a request for expungement of misdemeanor records. Referred to Senate Committee 1/30/19
HB 57	Brown	Clarify placement of definitions of appropriation right, non-consumptive use and water right in state law. House Hearing 1/23/19
HB 60	Buttrey	Directs the code commissioner to correct erroneous references contained in material enacted by this legislature and previous legislatures. Senate Returned to House 1/31/1

HB 70	Shaw	Increase the amount of timber allowed for sale under commercial permits. House Hearing 2/1/19
HB 80	Curdy	Revise the water reservation process in Missouri, Little Missouri River basins. Clarifying the water reservation process in the Clark Fork River Basin. House Hearing 1/23/19
HB 81	Curdy	Eliminate aviation fuel refunds and revise allocations from the aircraft regulation account. House Hearing 1/21/19
HB 94	Brown	Revises laws related to hunting access programs, reorganize provisions and providing necessary license prerequisites for free to landowners participating in the Block Management Program. Senate hearing 2/12/19
HB 96	Garner	Eliminating the requirement for the board of crime control to hear appeals from decisions made by the public safety officer standards and training council. Senate Hearing 2/1/19
*HB 97	Garner	Revise POST (public safety officer standards and training) Council statutes, council duties and rulemaking authority. Tabled in House Committee 1/24/19
HB 98	Garner	Revise peace officer statutes. Revising certification laws for peace officers on active reserve status and revising rulemaking authority. Referred to Senate Committee 1/25/19
HB 104	Loge	Provides for free prerequisite licenses for block management cooperators who receive a free combination license for cooperating in the Block Management Program Senate Hearing 2/7/19
*HB 114	Brown	Amend process to appoint a water mediator and clarify duties. Bill Withdrawn per House Rule H30-50(3)(b)
HB 132	Holmlund	Clarify the definition of 'wild buffalo' or 'wild bison'. House Hearing 1/29/19
HB 143	Duram	Repealing the sunset on 3-day nonresident upland game bird licenses. Senate Hearing 2/12/19
HB 145	Zolnikov	Would allow individuals with a concealed weapon permit to move to a different city or county and not notify local law enforcement. Referred to Senate Committee 1/30/19
HB 161	Tschida	Would require the director, department and commission to only use facts and science when making decisions related to fish and wildlife. Would not allow the director, department and commission to use social science, human dimensions, people's attitudes, opinions, or preferences during the decision-making processes related to fish and wildlife. House Hearing 1/22/19
HB 197	Zolnikov	Would require certain contracted services that are performed on a computer to use specialized programs for tracking actual work done. Would requiring a contractor to use software capable of verifying the hours billed, track keystrokes, mouse use and take a screenshot at least once every 3 minutes. Retain the specified information for up to 7 years for contracting agency or audit review. House Hearing 1/30/19
HB 205	Shaw	Would revise laws related to fish pond licenses and would authorize temporary fish pond licenses. Would redefine the definition of 'private fish pond'. House 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading 2/01/19
HB 224	Shaw	Revises the reporting requirements for fish pond licensees who commercially sell fish and fish eggs and allows for verification that the license was valid for the species of fish or fish eggs purchased or sold. Referred to House Committee 1/16/19
HB 227	Mandeville	Removes the restriction of keeping certain animals as pets, typically non-domesticated, i.e. skunk, fox, racoon or bats. The owner would have to maintain proof that the animal was born in captivity and vaccinated against rabies based on a vaccination schedule adopted by the department of public health and human services. House Hearing 1/24/19
HB 229	Hamlett	Revises laws to distinguish fossils from minerals. Would define fossils and fossilization and add into the law that that fossils are not minerals and that fossils belong to the surface estate unless specifically conveyed. House Hearing 2/6/19
HB 239	Marler	Would allow an individual the option to direct limited drawing refunds to the block management program. House 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading 2/1/19

HB 243	White	Revises the laws related to the off-highway vehicle grant program. Would reorganize provisions, allow FWP to require a match and establish a distribution schedule. House Hearing 2/7/19
HB 260	Kassmier	Would exempt contracts issued under the Montana Community Service Act from the Montana Procurement Act. Would all the department to develop and implement community service opportunities consistent with the mission and function of the agency. House Hearing 1/31/19
HB 265	White	Clarify the approval process for land-related acquisitions by FWP. Requiring easements of more than \$100,000 in state funds and land acquisitions involving more than 100 acres or \$100,000 in value to be approved by the Board of Land Commissioners. House Hearing 2/5/19
HB 275	Garner	Revises the donation of hunting licenses to purple heart recipients. House Hearing 2/5/19
HB 279	Brown	Would allow reimbursement of costs incurred related to the trapping of wolves to ethical trappers. House Hearing 1/31/19
HB 280	Brown	Would add a free wolf license to the resident sportsman with bear combination license package. House Hearing 1/31/19
HB 281	Brown	Would add a free wolf license to individuals that are drawn for or purchase a nonresident combination license. Would allow a nonresident who purchases or is drawn for a deer B or elk B license to purchase a nonresident wolf license at ½ the price. House Hearing 2/12/19
HB 286	Redfield	An act generally revising water right laws in connection with state land leases. Provides for a notification procedure for water rights holders wanting to use private water rights on state land. House Hearing 2/8/19
HB 287	Smith	Would change the mandatory trap and snare check time to daily. Would allow the trapper to designate a substitute trapper for up to a 1-week time period to check their traps. Notification must be made to regional office with the substitutes' information within 24 hours of the substitution. House Hearing 2/7/19
HB 291	Beard	Establishes a voluntary wolf mitigation account. Would allow collection of private funds/donations to this account to be used by the Dept. of Livestock to pay contracted services with Wildlife Services. FWP would collect the donations through the ALS system. House Hearing 2/12/19
HB 301	Loge	Would require a user at a fishing access site to first obtain a conservation license and display a free fishing access site parking pass on the dashboard of the vehicle. House Hearing 2/7/19
HB 311	White	Would create a new nonresident hound handler license and establish license costs and requirements. Revise laws related to nonresident use of hounds to aid in the pursuit of mountain lions, provide exceptions and establish rulemaking authority. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/28/19
HB 317	Keane	An act limiting the number of bills and resolutions that may be introduced by a legislator in a session of the legislature. Would establish procedures for requesting and preparation of bills and resolutions for introduction in the legislature, standing or select committees, also interim committees in between sessions of the legislature. House Hearing 2/5/19
HB 325	Regier	Revises firearms laws to secure the right to keep and bear arms and to prevent a patchwork of restrictions by local governments across the state and providing that local governments may not regulation the carrying of concealed weapons. Revises the list of prohibited places for permitted concealed weapons to be carried. House Hearing 2/1/19
HB 332	Kassmier	Requires the County Commissioners of a county to approve a bison transplant or translocation, certified as brucellosis-free, before that action could take place. This provision does not apply to a transplant or translocation of certified brucellosis-free bison to a qualified tribal entity. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/29/19
HB 348	Noland	Revises the search powers of game wardens. House Hearing 2/6/19

HB 355	White	Generally revises laws related to motorized recreation. Would establish a summer motorized recreation trail program, create a summer motorized recreation trail pass for residents. Revises nonresident temporary use permit fees for OHV's. Would allow the that the permanent registration of certain OHV's, motorcycles, quadricycles and snowmobiles to be transferred upon change of ownership. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/31/19
HB 357	Regier	Revises firearms laws to secure the right to keep and bear arms and to prevent a patchwork of restrictions by local governments across the state and providing that local governments may not regulation the carrying of concealed weapons. Revises the list of prohibited places (different prohibited places from HB 325) for permitted concealed weapons to be carried. House Hearing 2/1/19
HB 360	Regier	Would allow ½ price licenses to first-time resident license buyers for hunting and fishing. House Introduced 2/1/19
SB 24	Gauthier	Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee from \$6 to \$9 for Parks, fishing access sites and recreation and trails. Create the trails and recreational facilities account and grant program and provide rule making authority. Senate Hearing 1/29/19
SB 32	Sesso	Create a stream gauge oversight work group. Senate Hearing 2/5/19
*SB 33	Richmond	Revising the phased development subdivision review process, limiting public hearing requirements prior to each development phase. Requiring government bodies to complete phase reviews within 20 working days. Tabled in Senate Committee 1/23/19
SB 44	Cohenour	Make conservation license a standalone prerequisite license before purchasing or applying for other hunting or fishing licenses. Reducing the price of certain combination licenses. Senate Hearing 1/31/19
SB 45	Cohenour	Revise certain water right adjudication processes and creating an appeals process. Senate Transmitted to House 1/31/19
SB 46	Cohenour	Revise laws related to distribution lists. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/24/19
SB 47	Cohenour	Clarifying the use of river basin councils for developing and implementing the state water plan. Clarifying that a state water plan must be developed by 2035. Extend the use of river basin councils in major river basins, clarifying the membership, and adding requirements for the state water plan. Rereferred to Senate Committee 1/24/19
SB 49	Cohenour	Amend method for measuring water for aquifer recharge or mitigation. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/31/19
SB 70	Flowers	Remove Headwaters State Park from primitive parks list. Senate Hearing 1/17/19
SB 72	Sesso	Revising supplemental notice laws in Montana Administrative Procedure Act. Revising the objection process for the Administrative Rule Review Committee. Referred to Senate Committee 1/23/19
SB 79	Hinebauch	Clarification on squaring bonus points for party applications for hunting licenses and permits. Senate Hearing 1/17/19
SB 81	Cohenour	Extend deadline to correct and complete an application for water right permit or change in appropriation right. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/31/19
SB 94	Gauthier	Would allow an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) to certify, endorse, sign any form that currently requires a physician (MD) signature. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/31/19
SB 102	Webb	Would increase the optional light vehicle fee used for State Parks and FAS's from \$6 to \$25. Senate Hearing 1/29/19
SB 127	Cohenour	Would prohibit the sale of wildlife identification information for hunting purposes. Would prohibit an individual from advising or receive remuneration for providing a hunter with location and identification information of a game animal or trophy animal in order for the hunter to take that specific animal. Senate Hearing 1/31/19
SB 144	Jacobson	Would move the March 15 drawing deadline for nonresident combination licenses and resident and nonresident deer and elk permits to April 1. Senate Hearing 1/31/19

SB 167	Gillespie	Would extend the entitlement period for certain military members to receive hunting and fishing licenses for free (i.e. Military Recognition Sportsman license package). Would allow the Montana enlisted military member to start a new 5-year period each time they are released from military duty. There would be no limit on how many times the Montana military member could utilize this entitlement as long as they repeatedly meet the service qualifications. Senate Hearing 2/5/19
SB 174	Kary	Would authorize a person certified as disabled or over the age of 70 to use a crossbow during the archery only season. Would authorize the department to implement qualifying criteria, requirements and a certification process for a permit to hunt with a crossbow. Senate Hearing 2/5/19
SB 185	Phillips	Would not allow hunting or trapping of wolves in WMU's that border Yellowstone national park if more than ½ of the unit lies within Park County. Senate Hearing 2/14/19
SB 186	Phillips	An act that would include prohibiting contests for predatory animals. Senate Hearing 2/19/19
SB 187	Phillips	Prohibits the use of a vehicle as a weapon to purposely injure or kill a predatory animal. Senate hearing 2/19/19
SJ 6	Cuffe	A joint resolution requesting that Montana's congressional delegation introduce federal legislation to return management of Montana's grizzly bear population to the State of Montana. Senate Hearing 2/14/19
SJ 7	Phillips	A joint resolution requesting an interim study of the economic value and costs of wolves and grizzly bears as they relate to agriculture, hunting and trapping, and tourism. Requires the results of the study be reported to the 67 <sup>th</sup> Legislature. Referred to Senate Committee 1/29/19

## HUMAN RESOURCES

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 13	Funk	State employee pay plan and modify per diem travel reimbursement for persons in state service. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/7/19
HB 67	Winter	Revise unemployment insurance benefits for members of the military. Senate Hearing 2/5/19
HB 128	Custer	Revise funding provision for Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' retirement system. House Hearing 2/5/19
HB 175	Dooling	Appropriate funds to implement pay revisions and per diem adjustments, revising per diem rates and extending group benefit contributions for state employees. Referred to Senate Committee 1/29/19
HB 209	Funk	Provide for a career progression allowance for agency employees to reduce turnover. Referred to House Committee 1/16/19
HB 323	Tschida	Provides for free association by public employees with a public labor organization and prohibiting union dues and other assessments to be charged to nonmember employees. Providing for unfair labor practices stipulations. House Hearing 2/5/19
SB 53	Sesso	Revise travel and meal reimbursement for public employees. Senate Hearing 1/11/19
SB 128	Cohenour	Revises longevity laws for state employees. Senate Hearing 2/1/19

## APPROPRIATIONS/MONEY

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 2	Ballance	General appropriations act. House Hearing 2/4/19
HB 4	Bartel	Appropriations by budget amendment. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/7/19
HB 5	Keane	Long range building appropriations. House Hearing 1/25/19

HB 10	Holmlund	Long range information technology appropriations. Includes automated licensing system replacement. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/7/19
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